

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 481 - HB 901

March 8, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Designates a knowing act to cause physical injury to a utility employee that is performing duties in the scope of the employment of a utility as a Class A misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$15,000.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005098): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Enhances the maximum fine for an aggravated assault offense committed against an identifiable employee or contractor of a utility who is discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties to \$15,000.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. There will not be a significant increase in revenue as a result collecting fines associated with these offenses.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience an increase in caseloads as these offenses are being charged under current law. Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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